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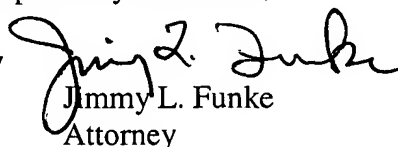
1. Claims 1 and 6-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner kindly pointed out that there was no antecedent basis for "said bore" in claim 1, lines 13 and 18. The Examiner also noted that there was a double inclusion of "an exhaust valve seat" in claim 1, lines 14 and 20.
2. Both of these errors have been corrected in the foregoing set of amended claims.
3. Applicants also point out that the previous set of amended claims indicated that claim 7 was "Currently Amended" although there was no amendment. The status of claim 7 has been marked "Original" since it has never been amended.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's detailed consideration of the application and believe that the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and look forward to a timely Notice of Allowance.

Although no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0831 for any fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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